

Dear Environmental Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB5140. Horseshoe crabs are a vital part of the ecology of our shoreline. The ongoing decline in their population will negatively impact our shoreline birds and migratory birds, as well as other sea creatures. It is disheartening to watch them being harvested during their mating season. Night after night last season I watched a licensed harvester fill his pickup truck bed with horseshoe crabs. This ancient species needs our protection if it is going to survive and we need it to keep our shoreline healthy and thriving for generations to come.

Please pass HB5140.

Thank you,

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